

Chippewa Valley CWD Advisory Team meeting

February 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes



**County: Representation from Eau Claire,
Chippewa, Dunn, Pepin, Buffalo and
Trempealeau**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	February 27, 2019	7:00 PM	Rock Creek Town Hall, Rock Falls, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman – Dave Zielke at 7:00 PM.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Chair, Dave Zielke, Eau Claire Co; Alternate Chair, Al Brown, Chippewa Co.; Bill Perrotti, Eau Claire Co.; Mark Noll, Buffalo Co.; Bob Thoma, Trempealeau Co.; Rick Wayne, Pepin Co.; Al Maritz, Dunn Co.
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	DNR Staff Present.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion by Al Brown to approve agenda as presented. Second by Bob Thoma.. Motion carried.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Chairman Zielke reviewed the Advisory team objectives.

E. MEETING MINUTE REVIEW AND APPROVAL

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	All committee members received copies of minutes prior to meeting for reading and review. Motion by Mark Knoll and Second by Al Moritz to approve as presented. Motion carried.

F. REVIEW OF MEETING AND DISCUSSION ETIQUETTE

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Chairman Zielke reviewed meeting and discussion etiquette with the team. Explained that the meeting will be conducted with Roberts Rules of Order. This is not a town hall meeting, this is basically an informational meeting.

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2. INFORMATION	
DISCUSSION	<p>A. Report on 2018 CWD Surveillance Efforts</p> <p>Bill Hogseth, DNR Wildlife Biologist reported how the committee implemented and moved forward to study the disease. Basically went over all that has transpired to detect if CWD is spreading throughout the focus and surveillance area. Since the detection of a deer testing positive for CWD in the township of Brunswick, March 2018, two more deer tested positive. One positive was found within the focus area and another found just outside of the focus area in the surveillance area.</p> <p>He explained there appears to be prevalence in the area. There are indications that we have more than just a handful of deer walking around with CWD.</p> <p>B. Next Steps</p> <p>Bill Hogseth discussed a handout given to everyone in attendance pertaining to <i>Chronic Wasting Disease Responding to New Foci</i>. He discussed detection, surveillance, sample collection and CWD management.</p> <p>C. Questions and Answers – CWD Advisory Team</p> <p>Bill Perrotti asked if deer that tested positive were shot during the gun season. positive. Answer is Yes. He also asked for explanations of township maps throughout counties. Each square represents 36 square miles.</p> <p>Bob Thoma questioned the condition of the deer that tested positive Both were in good condition.</p> <p>Mark Knoll indicated that 7,000 deer were harvested in Buffalo County. Indicated the Counties Sportsman’s Club offered rewards for people to test their deer for CWD. Even with incentives only 400 deer were tested. He said the only way we are ever going to get this under control is to have mandatory testing.</p> <p>Al Brown reiterated what Mark Knoll said. He said “Mark Knoll just hit the nail on the head. The only way we’re going to gain some control of CWD is to have mandatory testing. However, the problem lies in the cost of implementation”.</p>

3. Public appearances/comments

DISCUSSION	<p>Gordon Petschow, said we should look at trying to get private funding for CWD research and prevention.</p> <p>Don Black, indicated he has a degree in Wild Life Management and said we are</p>
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	<p>never going to stop CWD. It's no different than Oak Leaf Wilt or Dutch Elm Disease. Let mother nature do its thing and take its course. There is no proof that CWD will transfer to humans.</p> <p>Gary Eslinger, had questions regarding deer quotas.</p> <p>Riley Fletschock, questioned the possibility that a number of deer in the wild may be building a genetic resistance to CWD.</p>
ACTION	

4. Discussion – CWD Advisory Team

DISCUSSION	Bob Thoma asked wardens if baiting has been a problem. Warden said that Eau Claire County was not a real problem. Dunn County however, had a number of problems with illegal baiting.
ACTION	

5. County specific issues/concerns – CWD Advisory Team

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

6. Council member matters – CWD Advisory Team

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	.

7. Distribute meeting participant survey

DISCUSSION	Samantha Edwards, UW Eau Claire student distributed a survey to those in attendance regarding <i>Dimensions of CWD</i> .
ACTION	

8. Next meeting date and venue

DISCUSSION	Next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the Rock Creek Town Hall.
ACTION	

9. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion by Al Brown, second by Bill Perrotti to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.
SUBMITTED BY	Alternate Chairman, Al Brown
DATE	February 27, 2019